GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps – Allegation of Tearing off page Nos.445 to 450 in Volume No.1006 of Book-I at Sub Registrar Office, Tuni, East Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings against seven Charged Officers – Charge framed against Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant (now retired) – Inquiry – Charge Proved – Inquiry Report Communicated – Show Cause Notice issued – Imposing a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.958 **Dated: 19-07-2018**

Read the following:

1. DIG, R&S, Kakinada Procs.No.X/532/2013, dated 03-09-2015.
2. WSD of the CO Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Sr.Asst., Tuni (Retired).
3. DIG, R&S, Kakinada Procs.No.X/530/2013, dated 10-09-2015.
4. From DR, R&S, Rajahmundry and presently DR, R&S, Vizianagaram Lr.No.E1/616/2014, dt:30-12-2016 (inquiry report).
5. D&IG, R&S, AP., Lr.No.X2/8964/2013, dt:01-03-2017 along with DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/530/2013-1, dt:24-1-2017 with enclosures.
6. Govt., Memo.No.REV-17021/14/2017-VIG.II-1, dt:27-07-2017.
7. Rep.of Smt.P.Satyavathi,former Sr.Asst.,Tuni(Retd) dt.27-07-2017.
8. Memo.No.REV-17021/14/2017-VIG-II-4, dated:02-01-2018.
9. Rep. of Smt. P.Satyavathi, Sr.Asst., (Retd), dated 03-02-2018.
10. Goverenment Lr.No.REV-17021/14/2017-VIG-II-5, dt.20-06-2018
11. From Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.397/DC&C/2018, dated 09-07-2018.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above it has been brought to the notice of the Government that in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Tuni the page Nos.445 to 450 in Volume No.1006 of Book-I relating to the Document No.1306/1996 (Part), 1317/1986 and 1321/1986 are found torn off. In the above misconduct, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada and the disciplinary authority has initiated disciplinary proceedings against seven Charged Officers and framed the following charge against Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, Office of the Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Tuni (now retired):

Charge: The Charged Officer while working as Senior Assistant, Office of the Sub Registrar Office, Tuni, Kakinada Registration District has exhibited dereliction of duties and committed grave misconduct in as much as she is responsible for tearing of and loss of three sheets (6 pages) from page No.445 to 450 in Volume No.1006 of Book-I of Sub Registrar Office, Tuni. She failed to protect and safeguard the records of Sub Registrar Office, Tuni in violation of Standing Orders 1112, 1113 (1) and she is individually and collectively responsible for tearing off and the loss of 3 sheets (6 pages) from page No.445 to 450 in volume No.1006 of Book-I of Sub Registrar Office.

2. Whereas the Charged Officer has submitted her Written Statement of Defence vide reference 2nd read above denying the charge and as the same is not convincing, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada got the matter enquired through regular inquiry along with other Charged Officers and appointed the District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry as Inquiring Authority vide reference 3rd read above for conducting inquiry into the matter.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the enquiry report against all the Charged Officers and in respect of Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, the Inquiry Officer observed that as per the material made available on record it is revealed that the Charged Officer has failed to safeguard the records in the record room being a Senior clerk of the establishment who is entrusted with maintenance of Account "D", by exhibiting negligence and lack of devotion to duty by violating the departmental Standing Orders 1112 and 1113 (i) and thus individually and collectively responsible for missing of pages from 445 to 450 in Volume No.1006 of Sub Registrar Office, Tuni. The Inquiring Authority has finally held that the Charge framed against her cannot be held otherwise than proved.

4. Whereas the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada and Disciplinary Authority has accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority and submitted proposals to the Government vide reference 5th read above, for taking further action against the Charged Officer in the above disciplinary proceedings under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as the Charged Officer along with certain others who were involved in the case have Retired from service on superannuation.

5. Government after examining the matter have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority and communicated the Inquiring Authority report to the Charged Officer Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, Office of the Sub Registrar, Tuni (now Retired) vide reference 6th read above.

6. Whereas in the reference 7th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted the representation stating mainly among other things that while she was working as Senior Assistant in the Office of the Sub Registrar Office, Tuni, she used to perform admission of Account-D work and during the course of admission of Account-D, she might have admitted the said certified copies. She further stated that due to pressure of work by oversight it might have missed to identify in admitting the certified copies, for which she may not be made responsible and stated that the reason behind this problem is that the Sub Registrar, Tuni is being the head of the Office has allowed number of private and unknown people in to the Office and they used to discharge various important duties of the Junior Assistant as well as other office work like handling the old records in the Record Room and the outside of the Record Room. She further stated that when the Sub Registrar, Tuni himself allowed the private persons to handle the old records and turn over the work as permanent Government employee of their office, how the responsibility cannot be fixed on her and stated that in such circumstances fixing of the responsibilities as per the standing order Nos.1112 & 1113 (i) is not justifiable. She has finally stated that, she cannot be held responsible for the mishap happened in the office and the standing orders Nos.1112 & 1113 (i) does not apply jointly and severally responsible cannot be taken into cognizance in the circumstances explained above and stated that it is clear that the allegation proved against her is baseless and misconceived and not supported by any truthful evidence and therefore, requested to exonerate her and to drop further action on the principles of natural justice.

7. Whereas the Government after careful examination of the matter with material available on record and the representation of the Charged Officer have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently against Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Tuni (now Retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly issued Show Cause Notice to Charged Officer, vide reference 8th read above, with a direction to submit her

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representation if any, in the matter. The Charged Officer has submitted her representation, vide reference 9th read above re-iterating the contents earlier stated by him and requested to drop further action against him.

8. The Government have examined the matter in detail and observe that the Charged Officer has not put forth any new grounds to substantiate her stand, hence it has been decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e., to impose the penalty of 3% cut in pension permanently against Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Tuni (now Retired). The concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained in the reference 11th read above and the same is communicated to the Charged Officer (copy enclosed).

9. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose a penalty of 3% (three percent) cut in pension permanently against Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Tuni (now Retired) for the charge held proved against her.

10. The Director and Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To

Smt.P.Satyavathi, former Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Tuni (now Retired)**through** the Director and Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

The Director and Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the G.O on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

Copy to:

The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasury and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, D.No.7-57, Sri Anjaneya Towers, VTPS Road, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada-521456.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada, East Godavari District.

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SECTION OFFCIER